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For : DETERMINING THE PRESENCE AND TYPE OF  
PROBE  
ASSOCIATED WITH AN ACTIVE  
IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL  
DEVICE, IN PARTICULAR A CARDIAC  
PACEMAKER

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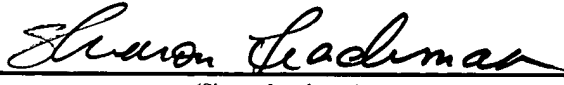
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